

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A mobile guide communications system comprising:

[~~at least one~~] a portable device including [~~at least one~~] a display
[~~means~~], an infra-red [~~IR~~] communication unit, and a wireless
communication unit;

a plurality of object servers, each object server associated with an
object and including an [~~IR~~] infrared communication unit configured
to communicate with the portable devices; and

[~~at least one~~] a central server including [~~a memory and~~] a wireless
communication unit, the central server being configured to retrieve
data concerning a selected object and to transmit the data to a
particular portable device via the wireless communication unit in
response to a request by [~~establishment of IR communication between~~
~~the object server and~~] the particular portable device.
2. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the display [~~means~~] is
configured to display [~~capable of displaying~~] at least one of a multimedia
presentation, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.
3. **(Original)** The system of claim 1, wherein the portable device further comprises
an internet connection.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the portable device further comprises processing circuitry configured to obtain an object identification code from an object server, to transmit the object identification code to the central server ~~[and]~~ ,to obtain, from the central server, information concerning an object, and to present the information to a user.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the object server further comprises a memory including an object identification code associated ~~[to a specific]~~ with an object, and software code ~~[means]~~ for causing the object server to transfer the object identification code ~~[when requested by]~~ in response to a request from a portable device.
6. **(Original)** The system of claim 5, wherein the object server operates in a wait mode until communications are established with a portable device.
7. **(Original)** The system of claim 5, wherein the object server is located within a predetermined distance from its associated specific object.
8. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein the central server includes:

~~[a wireless communications unit;]~~

a database including information associated with different objects at an exhibition; and

~~[a unique]~~ an object identification code for each object.
9. **(Original)** The system of claim 8, wherein the central server further comprises software for causing the central server to receive a request for information concerning a specific object, wherein the request includes an object identification code.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the central server is configured for internet access [~~capable of accessing the Internet, the terminal further comprising~~] , and wherein the central server further comprises software adapted for causing a terminal client to:

obtain an object [~~identity~~] identification code from the specific object servers, when the terminal is in range of an [~~IR~~] infrared communications unit of [~~the~~] an object server;

obtain requested object information from the central server; and

present the obtained information.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A method in a mobile guide system comprising:

establishing an [~~IR~~] infrared connection between a mobile terminal and [~~a-specific~~] an object server associated with a specific object;

transferring [~~a-specific~~] an object identity code from [~~a-memory-of~~] the [~~specific~~] object server to the mobile terminal over the [~~IR~~] infrared connection;

establishing a wireless connection between the terminal and a central server;

transferring the object identity code to the central server via the wireless connection;

retrieving requested information from a database of the central server based on the object identity code;

transferring the retrieved information to the mobile terminal; and

presenting the information on a display of the mobile terminal.

12. **(Original)** The method of claim 11, wherein the information presented is at least one of an Internet link, a multimedia display, a text display, a graphics display and an audio presentation.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A machine-accessible medium[;] having encoded thereon instructions for causing ~~[which when accessed causes]~~ a machine to:

obtain an object identification code from an object server;

transmit the object identification code to a central server;

receive information concerning an object associated with the object identification code; and

display the information for a user of ~~[the]~~ a portable device.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The medium of claim 13, ~~[which further causes]~~ further comprising instructions for causing the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium having stored thereon ~~[at least one sequence of]~~ instructions for causing a digital processing system to perform operations comprising:

obtaining an object identification code from an object server;

transmitting the object identification code to a central server, the object identification code causing retrieval of information concerning an object associated with the object identification code;

receiving the information concerning the object; and

displaying the information [~~for a user of the~~] on a display of a portable device.

16. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15, further comprising instructions to cause the portable device to display the information as one of a multimedia presentation, a graphics presentation, a text display, and an audio presentation.
17. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15, wherein the object identification code is obtained from the object server over an infra-red link.
18. **(Original)** The medium of claim 15, wherein the object identification code is transmitted over a wireless link to the central server.